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Riot at Alleppey.

61. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any riot at Alleppey in the month of Chingam or Kanni 1110; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any special officer was appointed to enquire into the incidents of the said riot?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know from the member why, when a special officer was appointed to enquire into the causes and other things in connection with the riot at Quilon, no special officer was appointed for the riot at Alleppey?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): The two cases are not on the same analogy, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member the differences between the two cases?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): One is a serious riot and the other is a street squabble.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether with reference to the riot at Alleppey also a religious procession was obstructed and religious articles taken by Muslims by force?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I do not quite catch the question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government with regard to the riot or the street fight, as it is put by the Commissioner on behalf of the Government, whether there was an affray that was put up by the Muslim population against the Christian population in the Alleppey town?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I do not think it was put up by the Muslim population, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government, who put up that fight and obstructed the religious procession?

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. The House is completely ignorant of these facts.

PRESIDENT : I thought the Commissioner himself would draw the attention of the House to that fact.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Excepting the member interpellating and the official member nobody knows what the case is.

PRESIDENT : That case is pending. Is it not?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : No, Sir.

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : As far as I know there was no aggrieved party at all. Both parties were sensible and they said they were sorry for what they did. There is nothing more about it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : The member has not answered my question with regard to the incident at Alleppey whether the case of an obstruction of religious procession that passed through the public road was brought to the notice of the Police authorities.

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : It was not a serious one. It was only a few mischevious boys who obstructed the procession. They immediately felt sorry and the case was dropped. Both parties were satisfied.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether any action was taken by the Police with regard to the mischevious conduct of those people who obstructed the religious procession ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether he is aware of the reports that were published in the Press about the obstruction of the religious procession ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether he has taken any action to understand the serious situation created by that obstruction.

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : The result was a compromise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether it is a case that could be compromised ? Under what section is the Police permitted to cause a compromise ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : There was no complaint at all.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether it is necessary that always complaints must be presented in the case of cognisable offences?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Not always necessary; nor is it incumbent on the Police to prosecute every case.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether in the case of cognisable offences, regular complaints must be put in before the Police?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Not at all.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether the alleged offence that took place at Alleppey was a cognisable offence or a non-cognisable offence?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): It was a cognisable offence.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why after having got the information of a cognisable offence, the Police have not taken a case?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Police are not bound to prosecute all cognisable cases.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether under the law the Police are bound to take up the case?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): A case was taken up.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether in the case of cognisable offences the Police have power to compromise a case under the law?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): It is not a case of compromise. The Police are not bound to prosecute every case. Under the law the Police have a certain amount of discretion not to prosecute a case; say for instance, when a complainant does not want to press a case, we drop it under what corresponds to section 157 (*b*) of the British Criminal Procedure Code.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member who was the complainant in the present case?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I cannot now tell the details of facts.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member what was the crime number of the case that was charged by the Police Station?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Sorry, Sir, I cannot say now.

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